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Dear Requester:

We received your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request on May 3, 2013.

Your request has been assigned the following reference number that you should use in any future communications with us about your request: **FOIA/PA-2013-00237**

To ensure the most equitable treatment possible of all requesters, the NRC processes requests on a first-in, first-out basis, using a multiple track system based upon the estimated time it will take to process the request. Based on your description of the records you are seeking, we estimate completion of your request will take more than 20 working days. We will advise you of any change in the estimated time to complete your request.

Due to the unexpected events in Japan in March 2011, the NRC is processing a larger than normal volume of FOIA requests including some that have qualified for expedited processing and have therefore been placed at the front of the queue. We are doing our best to process all requests in a timely manner but our response times are being affected. We appreciate your understanding.

For purposes of assessing fees in accordance with our regulations (10 CFR 9.33), we have placed your request in the following category: **News Media Representative**. If applicable, you will be charged appropriate fees for: **Duplication Only**. Since you are not likely to incur duplication fees, your request for a fee waiver is moot.

The following person is the FOIA/PA Specialist who has been assigned responsibility for your request: **Steven Phelps** at **301-415-6574**.

If you have questions on any matters concerning your FOIA/PA request please feel free to contact the assigned FOIA/PA Specialist or me at (301) 415-7169.

Sincerely,

/s/

Donna L. Sealing
FOIA/Privacy Act Officer
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Enclosures:
Incoming Request